

Remarks

This Reply is in response to the Office Action mailed May 20, 2004. Claims 1-71 remain pending in the Application. Claims 53 and 55-62 were rejected. Claim 53 is being amended. No new matter is being introduced.

Claims 53 and 55-62 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Comstock (U.S. Patent 4,263,527) in view of Gullapalli (U.S. Patent 6,424,076). Applicant has amended claim 53 to include similar limitations as claim 1, which is allowable. Neither Comstock nor Gullapalli teach or suggest, alone or in combination, a method including “selectably enabling or disabling at least one actuator by applying a reference signal to a first electrode of said at least one actuator; and providing a command signal continuously to a second electrode of said at least one actuator to operate the mirror.” Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) for claims 53 and 55-62 should be withdrawn. Accordingly, claims 53 and 55-62 should now be in condition for allowance and such a Notice is respectfully requested.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the above, it is believed that the application is in order for issuance. Should the Examiner have any further questions or comments, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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